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University now offers blended course option

DANIELLE PALUGA
SENIOR REPORTER

With class sizes at Georgia College expanding, some core classes are looking to online options.

These courses, known as blended classes, have both an online and lecture component.

Departments with larger core classes are currently looking into different options such as blended classes to help meet students' needs.

Professor of Political Science Claire Sanders teaches

a blended politics course on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The class has 160 students and is held in the A&S Auditorium.

Sanders is the course redesign coordinator for her department and is conducting a study to see how blended classes compare with traditional lecture classes by teaching both traditional and blended classes this semester and last Fall.

Senior political science major Alex Smith is a teacher's assistant for this course.

"We really only meet once most weeks because the stu-

dents have online modules to complete," Smith said.

The modules include various readings, quizzes and discussion questions on GeorgiaVIEW.

Sanders designed the online components and they contain extra readings that go along with the textbook the class uses. The online materials are used to help students understand key concepts before they get to the lecture so the class can go deeper into what they are learning according to Sanders.

Sophomore pre-nursing ma-

ior Suzy McEver said the class was a preferred alternative to her traditional courses.

"I got an A in the class," McEver said. "It was easy to understand."

Smith explains that he and his fellow teaching assistant have plenty of office hours to help students who prefer "face to face" time better and request tutoring. Sanders said she also has office hours for students who need help.

"(For more assistance), we decided to hold a study session in the library one Sunday before

a test," Smith said.

More colleges are beginning to offer this option to students. According to the College Board website, one percent of classes at the University of Georgia are blended.

In 2007, Georgia Southern University conducted a survey comparing the grades of those students who took blended classes with those who took traditional classes. The results showed students in blended classes got higher grades than those in traditional classes.

Sanders' expects her re-

search to be completed by the end of this semester. The Department of Government and Sociology plans to use her findings in combination with research from other universities to determine whether the department will continue offering these courses.

"We want to make sure that the classes are improving student learning and that the students are satisfied," Sanders said.

Editors Note: Alex Smith is a columnist for The Colonnade

Fraud Continued from page 1...

Senior nursing major Lauren Windham noticed she had \$160 charged to her debit card in Atlanta at the beginning of February. After reporting this to Public Safety and her bank, Windham is now waiting for her new card to arrive in the mail. Until then she has no means of withdrawing cash or paying for anything.

"I have to go through a long process with the bank to get reimbursement for the money

that was stolen," Windham said. "So this makes it very inconvenient for me to do the things that I enjoy around Milledgeville."

Junior exercise science major Julia Borland was alerted to fraudulent charges on Feb. 7 when her Dad called to tell her that her checking balance was reported low. She thought this was odd because she had just transferred money a few days before.

"We went to my online banking and there were three charges which I hadn't made—a total of \$222.19 spent between an IHOP, Red Lobster, and a Kroger Fuel Center—all

in the Atlanta area," Borland said. "I called Bank of America and they were very helpful to tell me how to go about making a claim for fraud and refunding my money."

Borland said she knows of about 20 other people who also had this happen to them between Feb. 4 and Feb. 8. She admittedly worries much more now about using her card in public than before the incident.

"I've never been a victim of fraud before this instance, and because of it, I will be using my card more sparingly around the city of Milledgeville," Borland said.

Ormond Continued from page 2...

faculty and staff who had the opportunity to meet the candidates. The decision was ultimately Dr. Jordan's choice, though, we were more of a screening committee," Pelton said. "I think Dr. Ormond will do well here, we are pleased to have him.

Ormond, a native of New Zealand, came to America in 1984 to pursue graduate school. Ormond received his doctorate from The Ohio State University in teacher education in physical education with minors in applied behavior analysis and outdoor adventure education and has served as a member of the faculty at Itaca College, Sonoma State Col-

lege, and Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania before joining the Georgia College community.

Ormond claims that the liberal arts mission at Georgia College made the prospect of coming here appealing and that the civic engagement and leadership aspects of the university were attractive.

"I've found that its at a unique level what




Bobcat statue encourages school spirit
From left: Milledgeville business owners Joann and Frank Chambers, SGA President Zach Mullins, Georgia College President Dorothy Leland, Department of Art chair Bill Fisher and statue designer Cara Powell unveil the SGA sponsored Bobcat statue on Monday, Feb. 14. The statue sits on the corner of Hancock and Liberty streets. Nine thousand crystal mosaic tiles in three different shades of green were attached to the statue to give it its' distinctive look. The other five statues will be released as they are completed.

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Who polices the so-called designated smoking areas/smoking ban? Because a lot of people abuse it. Students, Faculty, Staff

I hate how tailgating in December's Bobcat Beat was displayed. Way to ask a bunch of ppl that prob never tailgated here at GC, when it is awesome!!!! My hope is that students are not discouraged to participate in tailgating because of what the Colonnade writes. I feel that campus ethos can benefit from it.

When every single candidate for Ms and Mr Gcsu seems the same, that's a problem. I'm not just talking about their being no people of color. I mean, there's no defining characteristics about any of them. Sorry to the people running, but they all lost my vote.

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Bobcat Beat

REPORTED BY HILARY THOMPSON

"What is your favorite part of Homecoming?"



"Mine would definitely have to be the concert, even if I don't like the band, there's just something about a live concert that is just a good experience."

Matt Beal, sophomore history major

"Nothing at all, all I get is chalk all over my shoes."

Richard Kim, senior English major



"I like the fact that we all get to come together and vote for Mr. and Miss GCSU and fight for something we all want, and that past alumni get to come back."

Heidi Bruns, sophomore nursing major

"I guess it's more of the intramural activities."

Matt Smith, senior pre-law major



"I really like the parade and tailgating beforehand."

Kelli Weinschenk, sophomore psychology major

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Spotlight:

Atkinson Hall History

When Atkinson Hall was built in the late 1800s, it was the tallest structure in Milledgeville. It was built to accommodate over 100 students as well as space for teachers' apartments and a space for a large dining hall.

The space was well received and was a favorite dining spot for the "Jessies" of Georgia Normal & Industrial College during the 1940s. Students soon came to find, however, that the kitchen of their favorite dining hall held startling secrets no one would believe.

After the start of the Fall 1944 semester, several students and dining hall staff members fell ill. It was soon discovered that the students and staff members were one of 140 known cases of Salmonella on campus.

The Georgia Department of Public Health was called in to investigate and found that the kitchens of the Atkinson dining hall were



HILARY THOMPSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

riddled with unwashed utensils, roaches and rat and mice-infested walls. It was also discovered that the toilets on the floor above the dining hall were leaking into the kitchens.

Fortunately nobody died from the outbreak of Salmonella, and the school was soon provided funds from the University System to rebuild the kitchens of Atkinson Hall.

Atkinson Hall became abandoned during the 1950s due to its deteriorating condition, and tired of the eyesore,

there was some discussion during the 1970s of demolishing the old building.

In 1977, a campaign was launched to help save the historical building. Heeding the pleas of alumni and local residents, the Board of Regents awarded the school 3.5 million dollars to remodel the building while still keeping its historical integrity. The old dining hall was demolished in 1979, and the building was finally, and officially, rededicated in 1982.

By Hilary Thompson

Leading lady Leah

Leah Keelan stars in 'The 1940's Radio Hour'

BRINA POTVIN
STAFF WRITER

Sophomore theatre major and dance minor Leah Keelan discovered her passion for acting and dancing at the young age of five. But more recently, Keelan has been selected as the leading lady, Connie Miller, in "The 1940's Radio Hour" planned to showcase in Russell Auditorium Feb. 23 through 27.

Director of the performance and assistant professor of theatre, Amy Pinney, describes Leah's character, 'Connie', as a "17-year-old bobbysoxer." Pinney also said Leah, "taps and swings" and sings two songs during the performance, "Daddy" and "Five O'clock Whistle."

Since rehearsals started in January, Pinney has found it to be "a joy to work with Leah. The energy she brings to the show absolutely sparkles."

Keelan describes the upcoming play as "a moment in time from a 1940's radio show, like a behind the scenes view."

"(The show is) something you would hear on the radio back during the 1940's... lots of jazz and a jive feel. There's even a real jazz band that accompanies the whole show and they are incredible," Pinney said. "It's because of the types of music performed that the show gives off a concert feel."

Since her start at a young age, Keelan has been in more plays that she could even keep track of, but her highlights include being in the opening ceremonies to both Atlanta and Sydney Olympics, Broadway for "The Nutcracker," extras in movies and commercials, being the lead in the play last year as a freshman called "Sueño", and also being a dancer in last year's performance of "RENT."

Aside from her long hours of rehearsals for the upcoming play, she also manages to squeeze room in her busy schedule to be the student representative for the Department of Theatre, for sorority involvement with Alpha Delta Pi, preparations and rehearsals for the April Dance Minor Concert and an additional showing she is involved with, "First Friday", to be held in



BRINA POTVIN / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
From left, Leah Keelan rehearses with castmate Erin Borain for Georgia College's Spring musical "The 1940's Radio Hour."

Macon on March 4.

"I've become really good at time management, and figuring out where my priorities lie," Keelan said. "The downfall to being in so many things is that you have to pick and choose a lot because things tend to overlap. Lots of late nights and eating on the run, but in the end it is so worth it."

"My favorite part about acting is that you get to experience and becoming something outside yourself. It's a chance to stretch limits and be whoever you want to be and do whatever you want to do, within reason."

Leah Keelan,
sophomore
theatre major

Keelan has found that her skills and passions for acting, singing and dancing are beneficial towards one another and help her in all aspects of her performances.

"Dancers without expression and acting can become so boring to watch and you don't believe them if they are trying to tell a story," Keelan said.

"Then in acting, dancing helps you find certain movement to fill a space easier, and with a dance background I know safely what my body can and cannot do... also having a dance and acting background under your belt is so helpful in real life auditions because you can get hired for more things."

Over the years, her experience with acting and dancing has also taught her a lot about herself and what she is capable of with dedication and practice.

"My favorite part about acting is that you get to experience and becoming something outside yourself. It's a chance to stretch limits and be whoever you want to be and do whatever you want to do, within reason," Keelan said. "Also in acting you learn a lot about yourself, like how your body works and you are aware of every part of your body and how it fits in space, as well as tuning in to all your emotions and how they affected different circumstances in your life."

Since her start at a young age, Keelan has recognized her love of being in the spotlight and because of this, she has her priorities straight.

"I have always known that I wanted to sing dance and act; I practically was born to perform and be on the stage... this has always been my passion and (I) strive to see it through," Keelan said.

New performance space jazzes up Metropolis Cafe

STEFFI BEIGH
STAFF WRITER

Metropolis Cafe welcomes a new addition to its location in downtown Milledgeville.

A new dining section has been added to the seating area. A stage has also been added. This stage has already entertained customers with belly dancing and live performances while guests dine.

"We are all really excited," said server and Georgia College art student, Taylor Downs.

Metropolis was able to add such a large amount of space because business has been doing really well, especially for a restaurant that is solely a food business rather than a restaurant and bar at night.

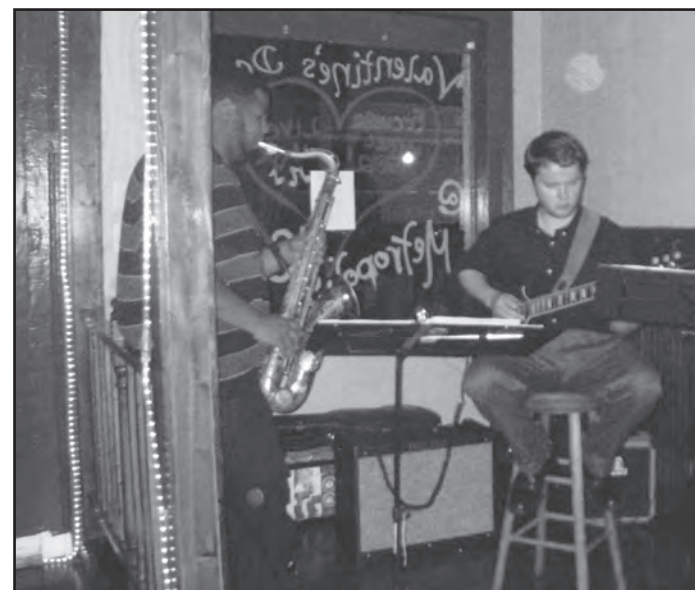
"We are not trying to be open until late night like till 2 or 3 o'clock because we do not sell any liquor and we are not going to," said Owner of Metropolis Cafe, Deepak Kumar. "We are trying to serve food and low entertainment and that's it."

The new stage will offer customers to enjoy many different types of performances while dining.

"We just do live music but we do more solo performances like a guitar or a little live jazz during dinner," Kumar said.

Kumar and Downs says they look forward to hosting a comedy show, variety show, acoustic guitar performances, belly dancing, live Indian music, and much more.

Kumar says there is no set schedule. However, every



STEFFI BEIGH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
TJ Brown and Hary Mitchell play on Metropolis's new stage for a Valentine's Day dinner Feb. 14.

Thursday night Metropolis Cafe offers Indian food with live music, Kumar says he will try to stay open later on Thursday nights. Also, on Saturday night there will be live Indian music along with an arrangement of food specials.

Although renovations took four months to build, the outcome is a gorgeous new wood-paneled space and stage that will hold enjoyable memories for customers to come.

"I'm very excited because I never mind working when the band is there because of the crowd and because it is a chill atmosphere," Downs said. "We'll be working and serving but we will have the live music in the background and its good music to listen to."

To make things even more exciting, Downs and Kumar

say during Spring and summertime, they want to move the crowd and performances to the patio, maybe even adding on a small stage on the deck.

Kumar has no intentions of staying open for late night.

"I think there's enough bars in Milledgeville and they can do it and there doesn't need to be any more competition and I think they are really good bars and we are not that good as a bar, we don't want to be in competition," Kumar said.

Downs agrees.

"The atmosphere would be completely different if we did (serve liquor and stay open for late night) and the clientele would change drastically and right now we have a good group of people but I think we just want to keep that clientele," he said.

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1 A HUGE MESS February 12 at 1:35 a.m. Officer Ransom was dispatched to The Grove Apartments in reference to making contact with EMS, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with EMS and they were with a female who was intoxicated and had aspirated while regurgitating. She was transported to Oconee Regional Medical Center for treatment. Investigations found what apartment she had been in that night and contact was made with two male residents. When the apartment door was opened, the odor of burning marijuana was coming from the apartment. Both subjects admitted to smoking marijuana and turned over a small amount of marijuana and several smoking devices. One of the males admitted to providing alcohol to people under 21 years of age. All three students have been turned over to Student Judicial-- the female for underage possession of alcohol, one male for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and the other male for providing alcohol to minors.

2 ALCOHOL AMNESIA

February 13 at 4:44 a.m. Milledgeville Police Department requested assistance on a call in reference to a male knocking on a door of an apartment on West Hancock Street, according to Public Safety. Contact was made with a male, who was so intoxicated that he had urinated and vomited all over himself. The male had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath and was extremely incoherent. He could not tell the officers where he lived, he had no one around to take care of him and he was entirely too drunk to stay where he was found. He was speaking gibberish and when asked how he got to the apartments, pointed at the officers patrol vehicle. Since he was only 18 years of age, he was arrested and transported to Milledgeville and charged with underage possession of alcohol.

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3 HIT AND RUN

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BY THE NUMBERS

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unauthorized debit
card fraud
(from Feb. 9 - Feb. 14)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, February 18

- 3 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Baseball vs. Pfeiffer
(John Kurtz Field at West Campus)
- 8 p.m. **HOMECOMING CAB: Golden Slipper Murder Mystery**
(Arts & Sciences Auditorium)

Saturday, February 19

- 8:30 a.m. **HOMECOMING** Bobcat Ramble Fun Run
(Wellness Depot)
- 9 a.m. **HOMECOMING** Bobcat Ramble 5K
(Wellness Depot)
- 11 a.m. **HOMECOMING** Tent City Tailgating
(Centennial Center)
- 10 a.m. **HOMECOMING** Parade Lineup (Tatnall Street)
- 1 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Baseball Doubleheader vs. Pfeiffer
(Kurtz Field at West Campus)
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Chili Cook-Off (Centennial Center)
- 3 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Lady Bobcats vs. Columbus State
(Centennial Center)
- 5 p.m. **HOMECOMING** Georgia College vs. Columbus State
(Centennial Center)

Tuesday, February 22

- 6 p.m. **COLLAB** for Awareness: Poetry Reading by Van
Garrett from his book Songs in Blue Negritude
(ArtFix Gallery, Wooten-Garner House)
- 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. To Write Love on Her Arms: Yoga Class
(Centennial Center)
- 7 p.m. Love Letters Meeting
(The GIVE Center Conference Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: Diospyros Woodwind Quintet
(Max Noah Recital Hall)

Wednesday, February 23

- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Toss Away Cancer (Front Campus)
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Times Talk (Beeson Hall Lower Level)
- 12:30 p.m. Student Government Association Senate
- 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. 12 Step Support Group meetings
(Arts & Sciences 215)
- 8 p.m. The 1940s Radio Hour (Russell Auditorium)
- 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Survivor Buddies Meeting (SAC Maple A & B)

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Students, alumni ready to ramble



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The race runs through many places in downtown Milledgeville including GMC, Memory Hill Cemetery and Georgia College campus.



SUBMITTED BY TIM VACULA

Thunder leads runners at the start of last years 5K. The race begins with the one-mile Fun Run at 8 a.m., following with the 5K at 9:30 a.m.

Bobcat Ramble: annual 5K, 1 mile run in its 7th year this Saturday

TAYLOR SEAY
STAFF WRITER

The 7th Annual Bobcat Ramble 5K and Fun Run will take place on Feb. 19 in conjunction with other Homecoming and Alumni events.

The Bobcat Ramble was established in 2005 to promote healthy living on campus and expand educational opportunities of local area students. The ultimate goal of the Ramble is to establish an awarded scholarship at Georgia College that will support Baldwin County students who wish to attend the university. The university establishes a great level of importance in serving the community.

In 2008, the Bobcat Ramble was designated as a memorial to John Bruner, who was a Georgia College cross-country athlete who died Aug. 4, 2007, while competing in the Mis-

sionary Ridge Road Race in Chattanooga. Each year John's family participates in the Ramble and proudly presents the John Bruner Memorial Award to the top male and female students.

The Bobcat Ramble brings together a great combination of students and alumni along with other members of the community.

This year's course is the same as last year; however, there will be a wider variety of activities taking place at the race. A spirit competition will take place during the race, and awards will go to the ultimate group with the most spirit, the Greek organization with the most spirit, and the local school with the most spirit.

Another change in this year's race is the T-shirts given to participants.

"This year the T-shirts are different, they are technical race shirts, or dry-fit as most people recognize them," said Amy Whatley, assistant

director of wellness programs.

Junior pre-engineering major Mary Lynn Buchanan is excited to run in this year's Bobcat Ramble.

"I have never run in the Ramble before so I am a little nervous," Buchanan said. Buchanan has been training with her friends who are also running in the race for the first time. "My friends and I have been running at Greenway to prepare for the race," Buchanan said.

Another first time Bobcat Ramble participant is senior mass communication major Starr Jarrard.

"I'm a first time Rambler, and I am really excited about it," Jarrard said. Jarrard has always wanted to participate in the Bobcat Ramble, but other Homecoming activities have prevented her from running it in the past. "I run all the time, I just have not had the time in the

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Starr Jarrard,
senior mass communication major

past," Jarrard said.

Junior liberal studies major Elizabeth Meehan ran in the Ramble two years ago.

"It was a great experience, and I had a lot of

Ramble page 11

Eat your Veggies Vegetarian, vegan lifestyles revealed

AUBRIE SOFALA
STAFF REPORTER

Vegetarian dietary lifestyles are a growing trend throughout the United States. Approximately 1.3 million Americans are vegetarians according to a study done by the Vegetarian Times. In an era of diet trends, the vegetarianism lifestyle offers more than just health benefits—it redefines a way of living.

There are varying levels of vegetarians, ranging from pescatarian vegetarians, who do not eat animal flesh but still eat fish, to lacto-ovo vegetarians who also don't eat meat but do consume dairy.

David and Arlena Simmons, owners of the downtown store, Vegan Markets on North Wayne Street, have been vegan for six years. Being vegan requires more discipline than the other levels of vegetarianism. The vegan diet excludes animal flesh, eggs, dairy products and all other animal-derived ingredients.

"I eat more variety than when I was a flesh eater or even when I was a vegetarian," David Simmons said about his vegan diet.

The Simmons' sell a variety of vegan friendly foods in their store. The most popular selling item is textured vegetable protein which can be used to replace meat in most meals.

David Simmons says vegan is a good diet for health benefits but it's also more convenient. Because vegan food products lack animal fat, they have a longer shelf life.

Vegetarians also retain a strict diet for ethical purposes.

Freshman art major Kat Nelson has been a vegan since the end of last summer but had been practicing vegan eating habits longer due to her friends who follow the diet. She enjoys the many health benefits of veganism yet she knows there is a larger issue that propels her to eat vegan.

"I started thinking, like, where what was on my plate was coming from," Nelson said.

Nelson also spoke of, what she thinks, as a growing feeling of disassociation from societies food and



AUBRIE SOFALA / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Raw honey can be found in the Vegan Markets in downtown Milledgeville, along a variety of products including sprouts, and texturized vegetable protein.

the path that food took to get to the plate. Nelson also is aware of the products she uses. She must check products to ensure they are not animal tested by manufacturers.

Nelson also benefits from the health advantages of being a vegan. She has recently started the P90X workout routine and has had no trouble keeping up. She has benefited from cutting out processed foods and cooks more for herself to maintain her vegan diet.

"Yeah, I feel sorry for the animals but it's not good for you," Nelson said about the diet.

Brandy Horne, Georgia College student assistant coordinator for access services, has been a vegetarian for 12 years. Horne has attempted to live the vegan lifestyle but hasn't stuck with it due to availability of

vegan products and because of the difficulty of living with someone who isn't vegan.

"Cooking at home is difficult because if I cook for both of us then I cook a meal for him and I cook a meal for me," Horne said of cooking for her husband.

Horne shares Nelson's views on ethical purposes on why she chose to become a vegetarian.

"I read an article about the mass slaughter of cats and dogs, how it was an epidemic in the U.S. and I actually stopped eating everything except seafood that day," Horne said on why she became a vegetarian.

Horne said the transition was difficult at first because she was working in her parent's restaurant at the time.

"I still worked elbow deep in bacon and hamburger all the time," Horne said.

Making the initial switch to vegetarianism is intimidating to many who are interested in the lifestyle. However, Nelson and Horne both stated the transition was easy if one is determined to go through with the process. Nelson said having a support group also helps when altering your diet.

However, ultimately the choice to become vegetarian depends on the individual.

"It's like, yes, it's a choice that I'm making," Nelson said "but I don't see another option."

Holistic Health

New group advocates promotes healthy lifestyle

CAITLIN RENN
STAFF WRITER

Tired, stressed-out, and worn-down students now have access to the basic skills of surviving college. The Counseling Center is offering a new group called Holistic Health.

The group is aimed at teaching students the skills to effectively manage their time and energy, the group's goal is to ensure the best, most rewarding college experience as well as to advocate a holistic healthy lifestyle.

The six basic skills discussed at Holistic Health include time management, stress management, sleeping habits, relaxation, tools for coping, and self-care, as well as general health and wellness basics. Each topic is discussed separately and the topics cycle continuously each week throughout the semester, so students can attend whatever discussion would be most beneficial.

The group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon in the Bobcat Dining Room of the Dining Hall.

"Holistic Health is a group, but it's not set up in a typical group fashion. We don't sit around and talk about our problems," said Counseling Services

Counselor Andrea Gaston. "I see this really being something we have to offer, somewhere students can come to try new things."

The topics that students generally struggle most with tend to be stress and time management, sleeping habits, and relaxation, and Gaston offers practical advice for handling these issues.

"For general advice, basically take care of yourself. Are you eating, exercising, and sleeping? Then address what's left," Gaston said.

To deal with stress, for example, Gaston suggests simply taking a break—not a break from one assignment to another, but a break to another activity entirely. Take a walk, take a nap, or visit a friend. Maintaining social connections is an important part of stress management.

Counseling Center Director Mary Jane Phillips

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"I started thinking, like, where what was on my plate was coming from"

Kat Nelson,
Freshman art major

"Holistic Health is a group, but it's not set up in a typical group fashion."

Andrea Gaston,
Counseling Services Counselor

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Sports

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No. 7 ASU falls as Cats roll



KENDYL WADE / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Students swarm the Georgia College men's basketball players at half court after the Bobcats upset the No. 7 Augusta State Jaguars, 73-69 on Feb. 10. The Bobcats followed up with a 66-64 win over USC Aiken on Feb. 12 and a thrilling 85-83 win over Georgia Southwestern on Feb. 16. Both of those wins came on the road. Their current winning streak is five games.

Bobcat win streak at five with victories over No. 7 Augusta, USC Aiken, Ga. SW

SAM HUNT
SENIOR REPORTER

The Georgia College men's basketball team now has a five-game winning streak including an 85-83 triple overtime win over Georgia Southwestern on Feb. 16 and a huge 73-69 upset win over Augusta State on Feb. 10.

In the streak, the Bobcats have picked up a couple of spots in the Peach Belt Conference standings. The victory over Augusta State was one of the biggest wins in school history and has provided the Bobcats with a tremendous spark. After the win, plenty of excitement ran through the team.

"Augusta State is a great team. It was a close win, we really needed it," junior forward Jared Holmes said. "Our greatest strength was rebounding. We came together as a team and everybody was talking and communicating and overall we just locked up."

At the start of the game, it was the Jaguars that scored first but shortly after the Bobcats took their first lead of 6-4 with 17:54 remaining.

As soon as the Bobcats took the lead, they fought hard and were able to maintain control of the game for almost the entire half until a three-pointer from the Jaguars gave them a 31-28 edge with 2:21 left in the half.

The Jaguars lead over the Bobcats did not last long because when 20 seconds remained in the half, senior forward Reece Wiedeman made a layup to give Georgia College a 32-31 lead going into halftime.

When the game resumed for the second half, Georgia College until at 15:42, when two back-to-back three pointers from the Jaguars gave them their first lead of the half with the score

at 41-40.

Once Augusta State had this lead, they began to increase the point gap over Georgia College and when 12:53 remained in the game, a layup gave them their greatest lead of nine points with the score at 51-42.

However, the Bobcats began to decrease the deficit.

When just 4:30 remained in the game, Georgia College was finally able to take back the lead when a layup made by junior forward Jared Holmes gave the Bobcats a 62-61 lead.

From there, the lead changed hands several times until at 2:25, when freshman point guard Royal Thomas made two shots from the courtesy stripe to give Georgia College a 66-65 edge.

The leading scorer was Wiedeman, who scored 25 points and was 10 for 15 on floor shots.

"This win is one of the best feelings I've ever experienced in my life," Wiedeman said. "Augusta State had some really good shooters, but we were able to contain them and our point guards stepped up and played great defense on them. We've just got to stay together because now it's crunch time."

On Feb. 12, Georgia College topped USC Aiken on the road.

The Bobcats took a quick lead early. When 7:45 remained in the half, two free throws made by Holmes gave the Bobcats their first lead above 10 points with the score at 26-15.

As the clock began to run out for the first half, Georgia College did not let up and held their lead over USC Aiken and when halftime arrived, they led 38-30.

When 14:51 remained, a three pointer from

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Senior forward Reece Wiedeman gives sophomore guard Ryan Lively a celebratory piggy-back ride after the Bobcats beat Augusta State.

Following big victory, Thunder Crew, Athletic Department aim to increase spirit

SCOTTY THOMPSON
SENIOR REPORTER

When the final horn sounded in Georgia College's thrilling, 73-69 upset victory over No. 7 Augusta State on Feb. 10, students swarmed the court and met the players at half court, turning the Centennial Center into a celebratory madhouse.

There may not have been anyone in the stands who was happier after the game than Pat Gamble, President of the Thunder Crew and student section. Gamble has been the leading voice in attempts to make the Centennial Center a wild game environment and the student section a reflection of bigger schools like Duke and Michigan State.

"(The game) was incredible. We haven't really had a loud student section at all, but we had 300-plus students standing up and cheering that whole game, and we feel like we made a difference," Gamble said. "We created a

lot of energy, and I feel like that gave the players an extra spark."

In the couple of weeks leading up to the game, it had been built up to be the sports information department as a key rivalry game with the slogan "Beat ASU."

The end result was a massive turnout of more than 1,800 people in attendance, by far the largest this season, even though it wasn't a record.

"I've never seen that side closest to the press box that full," said Sports Information Director Al Weston. "I had some reservations about making the game into a huge rivalry because I don't think you can force rivalries. But the extra emphasis put on it really resonated with the student body."

And while Weston expects a bigger crowd for the Homecoming game on Feb. 19, he doesn't necessarily expect

"It's a two-step thing. We have to get the fans to care, and then we have to make sure they are influenced enough to where they keep coming back."

**Al Weston,
Sports Information Director**

the same intensity level.

"There will probably be more bodies there, but you'll see people texting and a million other things going on," he said. "I don't think there will be the same level of intent interest. Last Thursday was something else."

Overall, basketball attendance is down so far this season.

Weston and his staff have been actively working to help increase interest

and attendance at not just basketball games, but for all sporting events.

Schedules and cards have been made, and they have used Bobcat Vision to advertise games. Still, a lot of work has been put into the Centennial Center.

"We're trying to figure out what works. We did some renovations to the sound system, and that's helped make a sizeable difference and create a more enjoyable atmosphere," Weston said. "We've had people talk about painting the seats school colors. We are also looking into the cost of extra lighting and spotlights and foggy smoke for player intros."

Getting people to the games is the most important part of the process according to Weston.

"It's a two-step thing. We have to get the fans to care, and then we have to

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BREAKING THE Rule



CALEB RULE
SPORTS COLUMNIST

There's so much love in the air that it's seriously ridiculous.

The weather's fantastic. Valentine's Day just passed. Georgia College beat a top-10 ranked opponent in the Centennial Center recently, and both basketball teams are looking up.

For the record: My date on V-day? A hot shower. Quite steamy. I promise that's the only lame joke in this week's column.

While we're all feeling the love, I'd like to point out something unappreciated... for now: The intramural softball fields.

A few days ago, I went out and hit around, dusting the rust off my softball skills in anticipation for the upcoming season. Hey, when you're on a couple of the worst basketball and dodgeball teams at Georgia College, you start to look ahead.

Anyway, as us guys head onto the field, one remarked about the state of the infields and the new look they had. Let me tell you: They look good. They feel great to run on, too.

If you remember, two years ago our softball infields looked awful, especially after a slight rain. That's because they didn't drain properly, which left plenty of standing water to pack in the dirt and make it tougher to make conditions playable. Last year, the Student Government Association allotted roughly \$20,000 for brand-spanking-new infields; this involved a contractor scraping out all of the old dirt, replacing it, and leveling the field using laser technology. Did you notice a difference if you played last season? Two come to mind for me. First off, I was never scared rounding second base that I might slip and fall on my face.

The second was how smooth the infield played with ground balls. Funny hops became a rarity, and it felt like much more of a professional field.

Oh, and less games had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, since the infields were much more playable.

I say all of this in gratitude to SGA and the Department of Intramurals for pulling together and providing a massive upgrade to the students.

I also mention this to wonder aloud when the outfields can be dealt with. It's easy to dream of, but considering budget cuts and the difficulty re-sodding the entire outfields on three fields, it won't be easy to replace.

Hey, it takes time for great things to happen; yes, flag football, Ultimate, and softball are all played on those outfields. But instead of focusing on what we don't have, how about we enjoy what we do and appreciate the day when these outfields are upgraded? Stay positive.

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Upcoming Home Games

Women's Basketball:

Feb. 19 3 p.m. Columbus St.

Men's Basketball:

Feb. 19 5 p.m. Columbus St.

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Quote of the Week

"I'm going to have to be realistic. It's a very unfortunate situation I put myself in. Obviously, I regret [it] a thousand percent. But I've got to move on. I've got to learn from those mistakes. It make me grow up more as a human being"

—Met's closer Fransisco Rodriguez about punching his girlfriend's father last August, which resulted in his temporary disqualification last season. (ESPN)

Notable Stat


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Number of strikeouts Mets closer Rodriguez had in 2010. After he struck his girlfriend's father, he forfeited \$3.1 million in salary for missing the last month and a half of the 2010 season.

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Dr. Mark Anthony Neal
Professor of Black Popular Culture at Duke University
Author of the book *New Black Man*




FROM HEADLINES TO STREET CORNERS, the message resounds: Black men are in crisis. Mark Anthony Neal argues that the "Strong Black Man"-an ideal championed by generations of African American civic leaders-may be at the heart of problems facing black men today. Neal begins by tracing the origins of the Strong Black Man, an empowering figure called forth by Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. Du Bois at a time when black men were resisting enslavement, economic exploitation, and violence.

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Softball splits doubleheader after rough weekend

SCOTTY THOMPSON
SENIOR REPORTER

The first week of the 2011 season has been unkind to the Georgia College softball team. The Bobcats (2-8) did pick up another win on Feb. 15, splitting a doubleheader with Young Harris after dropping five out of six games over the previous weekend including five in a row.

In the opener against Young Harris, the Bobcats rallied three separate times to outlast the Mountain Lions, 8-7 in a 10-inning affair. Junior Sabrina Chandler delivered a gutsy performance on the mound, as she went the distance for a complete game victory. Chandler allowed four earned runs, seven in total, and had five strikeouts. She has been the winner in both Georgia College victories this season.

After falling behind 1-0 in the top of the first, the Bobcats responded in their half of the inning with a run of their own. Freshman centerfielder Whitney Okvist reached on an error and stole second. She later came in to score when junior designated hitter Haley Burnett reached on an error.

The Mountain Lions regained the lead in the top of the second, 2-1, but the Bobcats tied things back up in their half of the third. Junior first baseman Anna Parker ripped a double down the left field line.

After a pair of fielder's choices, freshman third baseman Lindsey Conway's single

to right scored Burnett, knotting the score up at 2-2.

The next five innings brought multiple scoring opportunities for both teams, but neither was able to cash in, as the game entered extra innings. The Mountain Lions finally broke through with four runs in the top of the ninth, but the Bobcats roared back in their half. Junior Corby Holmes, who made the last out in the previous inning, was placed on second base to start the inning due to the international tiebreaker rule for all NCAA non-conference games.

A bunt single by Okvist scored Holmes after she had advanced to third. After senior rightfielder Kati Pickowitz singled, and Parker fouled out, Burnett doubled to left center, plating Okvist and Pickowitz and cutting the Young Harris lead down to 6-5. Later in the inning, another single by Conway scored senior pinch runner Bailey Thompson to tie the score once again.

Young Harris regained the lead one more time in the 10th with a run, but Georgia College got the final say. With freshman leftfielder Alex Duvall already on second, junior second baseman Caitlin Duvall had a bunt single, moving her sister over to third. Holmes followed with a single, scoring Alex Duvall and placing runners at the corners. After a fielder's choice and a single by Pickowitz, Parker walked, and Burnett's single to right scored Holmes with the winning run.

Head Coach Jamie Grodecki was pleased with the victory.

"It helped our confidence a good bit," Grodecki said. "We were able to get some big hits, and our girls got a lot of good swings at the plate in that game."

The Bobcats jumped out to an early lead over the Mountain Lions in the second game, but weren't able to hang on as they fell 6-3.

Georgia College jumped ahead 2-0 in the bottom of the first with the help of a couple of errors by the Mountain Lions. But Young Harris eventually tied the game in the third and added a run in the fifth and three more in the sixth to take control. The Bobcats scored once more in the seventh, when Conway tripled and scored on Caitlin Duvall's RBI groundout.

Last weekend, the Bobcats played three doubleheaders, dropping five out of six games. On Feb. 11, they split a twin bill with Queens (N.C.), winning 8-0 in the first game and falling 7-5 in the second game. Chandler was sharp in game one, allowing just two hits in the shortened five-inning contest. The Bobcats got all eight of their runs in the first two frames, highlighted by a pair of homers from Burnett. Junior third baseman Maggie Davis also had a pair of hits in the win.

On Feb. 12, the Bobcats dropped a pair to Catawba, 9-1 and 6-3. On Feb. 14, the Bobcats traveled to West Georgia



SCOTTY THOMPSON / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior first baseman Anna Parker throws out a Young Harris runner on a sacrifice bunt with junior second baseman Caitlin Duvall covering and junior pitcher Sabrina Chandler looking on. The Bobcats won the first game of the doubleheader 8-7 in 10 innings before losing the second game 6-3.

for a doubleheader but came up short, losing the first game 9-6 despite homers from Parker and Davis, and 7-2 in the second game.

The Bobcats are back in action this weekend in the Char-

ger Chillout in Hunstville, Ala., starting Feb. 18 at 10:30 a.m. While the team is off to a slow start, Grodecki said there is room for improvement and optimism.

"We've been tinkering with

the lineup a little bit, trying to see what works, and our pitchers are trying to get settled in a little bit," Grodecki said. "If we can start hitting the ball and pitching well on a consistent basis, we will come around."

Facing obstacles, club soccer falls to Kennesaw

TAYLOR LAMB
STAFF REPORTER

The Georgia College men's club soccer team suffered its first loss to the Spring season Feb. 11, as the men traveled to Kennesaw State University for a 2-1 battle.

The last time they played on Kennesaw's turf field, the men recorded a 3-0 win for the team's first meeting.

Saturday held a bad outcome for the Bobcats, preceded with a bad start.

The word rival may be inappropriate in this time, being that this was only the second meeting for both teams, though the grit and determination from both opponents said differently.

The Bobcats student coach Elliott Payne was absent with conflicts, as was most of Georgia College's team.

Last week the men played with no substitutes against Macon State College, and they showed up to Kennesaw with only one.

With no coach and once again outnumbered 12 to 25, the Bobcats arrived minutes before kickoff after battling Atlanta traffic.

Sophomore forward Nathan Pulliam, who put up a hat trick last weekend, showed up to the cold 6 p.m. start ready for more.

"We had a lot of things going against us," Pulliam said. "Our coach wasn't there along with basically our entire mid-field and we were late because of intense traffic."

The Bobcats took control of the first few minutes possessing the ball and distributing it on all sides of the field.

The underdog mentality gave the men the advantage when center mid-fielder Mitchell Doud gave an assist to a wide open Pulliam, who one-touched Georgia College's first goal of the night in the left side net.

The initial strike by the Bobcats led to a dirty game played by Kennesaw. Resulting in blatantly malicious slide tackles and a Kennesaw State player's vocal assault due to some consistent Georgia College steals.

The play in the regular field was going the Bobcats way, but they lost this one off set plays.

"We had a lot of things going against us. Our coach wasn't there along with basically our entire midfield."

*Nathan Pulliam,
Sophomore forward*

Sophomore goalie Nick Creighton blocked a nicely placed corner kick with an ell effort dive.

However the ball reflected off Creighton's gloves right to an unmarked Kennesaw player, who tied the game at one. After another Georgia College out of bounds ball, Kennesaw State set up for another corner kick.

"We got killed on set plays," junior defender William Strawbridge said.

Conscious of the last corner kick resulting in a goal, lead defender Strawbridge marked up close to his opponent and had orchestrated a solid man defense in the box.

But with minutes left in the first half, a sprinting Kennesaw State player, coming all the way from mid field, timed the corner perfectly, blasting a header past a diving Creighton.

"There are so many things in sports that are simple," Strawbridge said. "But if you don't do them, like marking up on a man in the box, you'll lose."

A brutal second half saw zero goals for both teams and only strengthened the "rival".

Kennesaw's 2-1 advantage in the first would be the final scoring action of the night.

Postgame, Kennesaw exclaimed their interest in coming to Milledgeville later this semester for a break even game three. The soccer team travels to Georgia Tech early March to take on the Jackets club team.

earned Smith 66th place in the overall tournament.

The Bobcats are on the road Feb. 28 to Pensacola, Fla., where they will compete in the Argonaut Invitational, hosted by West Florida.

"We'll just continue to practice and try to get better. With homecoming weekend this weekend it's going to be hard to get a whole lot done with them but they deserve a week off because they've been going ever since school started back. We've been practicing or playing every weekend," Wilson said. "I think giving them the weekend off will be a good thing for them because it will give them time to rest and kick back and then we'll get back at it Monday getting ready for the Argonaut."

Golf

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player," Wilson said. "This week he busted through and played like I always knew he could play."

Finishing second for Georgia College was senior Joe Young.

Young posted a 73 for Monday's first round a 69 for the second round.

He came out strong on Tuesday and finished the third round with a score of 71, giving him a total score of 213 and giving him his seventh place individual spot.

Narrowly missing a spot for the top-30 in the overall tournament was Bobcat sophomore Patrick Garrett,

who finished with an overall score of 221.

Garrett shot a 73 on the first round, a 73 on the second round, and a 75 in the final round, which placed him at 31st place in the overall tournament.

Finishing fourth for the Bobcats and 40th overall in the tournament was senior Matthew Yonz.

Shooting a 72 in the opening round, a 74 in Monday's second round, and a 78 in Tuesday's round gave Yonz and overall score of 224, just three strokes behind his fellow Bobcat Garrett.

Bringing up the rear for Georgia College was sophomore Taylor Smith.

Finishing the first round with an 80, Monday's second round with a 75 and Tuesday's round with a 77

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make sure they are influenced enough to where they keep coming back," he said. "It's not always an easy thing to do."

Athletic Director Wendell Staton is also stepping up efforts to help improve school spirit.

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the Pacers gave them their first lead of the half at 43-42.

USC Aiken maintained their lead over the Bobcats until two back-to-back three pointers from sophomore guard Nate Hamilton gave the Bobcats a 53-47 lead with 10:24 remaining.

Against Southwestern, the Bobcats jumped out to a 32-30 halftime lead.

At the start of the second half, both teams continued to fight.

As the clock began to run out, both teams tried increase

the point gap in their favor.

But when the final buzzer rang, the Bobcats and the Hurricanes were tied at 63-63, and the game was sent into overtime.

In first period of overtime, the lead went back and forth. Neither team was unable to break the tie, sending the game to a second overtime.

After another five minutes, the game remained tied.

In the third period of overtime, the Bobcats were determined to not break their winning streak and managed to outscore the Hurricanes to claim an 85-83 victory.

Senior forward Josh Hurst was the leading scorer for Georgia College, tacking 21 points on the scoreboard.

Seconding Hurst's efforts was junior forward Ryan Aquino, who had 16 points.

The Bobcats are back in action on Feb. 19 where they will face Columbus State on Homecoming Day at 5 p.m.

"I don't think the team has reached its peak yet. I think we're close, I think our performance is close to our potential. That's what you always want, you want your performance to reach your potential," Assistant Coach Mark Gainous said. "The key has been the team play, the team work and the good high character kids in our program."

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break.

Ten different players scored for Georgia College, and their defense was solid as well, holding the Jaguars to just 23 percent shooting from the floor.

Head Coach Maurice Smith was proud of the team for the win, especially the seniors.

"They've put a lot of work into this program, and they deserve everything they get. It was a big win for them," he said.

"We did a good job of executing on both ends of the ball."

On Feb. 12, the Bobcats weren't able to hang on to a late lead and fell to USC Aiken in a pivotal PBC matchup.

Up 41-34 with 5:42 left, Georgia College watched as No. 14 Aiken rallied to win 46-43 in a defensive battle.

Huffin and Jordan had 18 points each, but the rest of the offense wasn't able to deliver the same spark and balance it had against Augusta State.

And while the Bobcats have been successful at the free throw line and in the turnover

category this season, they shot just 58 percent from the line as opposed to Aiken's 74 percent, and they had 21 giveaways and only 13 takeaways.

With only one game left at home this season, Smith said the road games will be tough.

"They're all huge games. It's an uphill battle," he said. "We have to take care of business, and we have to look at it as an opportunity to put us in a good position going into the conference tournament."

The Bobcats return to action Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. against Columbus State.

teams schedule are SCAD on Feb. 18 and Armstrong Atlantic on Feb. 20.

Barsby is confident that the Bobcats will beat SCAD, but Armstrong Atlantic is up in the air.

"Armstrong is expected to be the toughest match of the season. We are going to give them a run for their money and see what happens," Barsby said.

Wadstein is looking forward to the match.

"It's going to be tough. But I think it is going to be fun for all the new guys to get to play against really tough competition. Everyone is going to be pumped up, and the atmosphere is great when we play against them. Everyone is fired up," Wadstein said.

Tennis

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Hill, the pair earned an 8-2 win for the Bobcats.

Women's tennis started Friday with a triumph over USC Aiken 6-3. Saturday the team rallied together to pummel UNC Pembroke 8-1.

Sunday the ladies also finished the weekend series with Wingate and won with a comfortable final score of 6-3 though this was the game that was most difficult according to Barsby.

Sophomore Kayla Barksdale was named the key player for the weekend by Barsby.

The only time Barsby was concerned about a loss for

Barksdale was against Wingate.

"Her Sunday singles game was rough but she battled back to win," Barsby said.

Barksdale went 6-0 for the weekend.

"I think we played really well. We have a pretty new team, but they all played very well and we got good results," Barksdale said.

Barksdale may have performed well individually, but overall Barsby was not pleased with the individual efforts of the rest of the team and cited it as the biggest issue of the weekend on the women's side.

"I thought the girls worked well as a team, but we never put it together individually," Barsby said.

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